



**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hideaki YAMANAKA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1773

Application No.: 09/944,193

Examiner: H. Rickman

Filed: September 4, 2001

Docket No.: 110538

For: MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM AND MAGNETIC RECORDING APPARATUS

**AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the October 18, 2004, Office Action and upon grant of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims; and

**Remarks.**